



U.S. Department of Justice

Ronald C. Machen Jr.
*United States Attorney for the
District of Columbia*

*Judiciary Center
555 Fourth St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530*

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, June 17, 2011

For Information Contact:

Public Affairs

(202) 252-6933

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/dc/news/2011/apr/news.html>

District Man Pleads Guilty to Felony Assault Weapons Charges In Stabbing Outside Northeast Washington Nightclub - Admits Stabbing Two Women, Carrying a Fully Loaded Firearm-

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Quinten A. Russell, 37, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty today to charges stemming from the stabbing of two women earlier this year outside a nightclub in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Russell pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to charges of felony assault with significant bodily injury and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. The Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary scheduled sentencing for September 9, 2011. Russell faces up to three years in prison for the assault charge and 15 years for the weapons charge. Because he has a prior conviction for a felony crime of violence, he faces a mandatory three-year minimum prison sentence on the weapons charge.

According to the government's evidence, on March 13, 2011, Russell and the two female victims were patrons at Club Zone 21, at Queens Chapel Road and Adams Place NE. Outside the nightclub, he got into a verbal dispute with the women. An eyewitness saw Russell, violently wielding a pocket knife, stab the victims. One was stabbed in the stomach, and the other in her lower back. Both were taken to hospitals. After the attack, Russell began to flee the scene.

A witness chased the defendant, shouting, "He just stabbed someone!" to a nearby Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer. Russell ignored the officer's orders to stop, but he eventually fell to the ground and was taken into custody. The police subsequently found a silver 9mm handgun with an extended magazine in the defendant's waistband. The magazine contained 27 rounds of ammunition and a round in the chamber. Police also recovered from the defendant's right pocket a small black pocket knife, which contained blood on the blade.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended MPD Detective Charles Fultz of the Fifth District Criminal Investigation Division, who led the investigation, as well as Sgt. Joseph Haggerty, Jr., and MPD Officers J. Boutaugh, Bruce Garrett, Gary Glenn, Keith Gray, Elbert Jenkins, Christopher Lehigh, Marques Mcrae, Barbara Robinson, Steve Salsburg, and

Page -2-

Crime Scene Technician Shannon Gill. Finally, he expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, who prepared the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Eaton, who conducted the pre-indictment investigation and is prosecuting the case.

11-251

###